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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

Dear Sirs:

Applicants submit this Petition to the Commissioner under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application in which taking action was unintentionally delayed. A response to the previously issued December 19, 2000 Office Action was originally due on March 19, 2001, and that deadline was extended to June 19, 2001 by a Request For Extension Of Time (3 Months) filed on December 5, 2000. Upon the expected granting of this Petition, the accompanying response in the form of an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 will be considered as having been timely filed.

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I hereby certify that this paper and the attachments herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington DC 20231.

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The above-identified application became unintentionally abandoned after June 19, 2001, which was the date that a response to the December 19, 2001 Office Action was originally due. A Communication was mailed on August 6, 2001 indicating that "[t]he request for suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. 1.103 has been approved. The suspension of action will terminate 03 months after date the request for suspension of action was filed." Subsequently, a second Communication was mailed on October 26, 2001 indicating that "Applicants' RCE filed June 19, 2001 is improper. Suspension mailed to applicant June 26, 2001 is not valid. See attached." A copy of the August 6, 2001 and October 26, 2001 Communications are attached as Exhibit 1.

It is hereby requested that this application be revived because the entire delay in filing the response to the December 19, 2001 Office Action until the filing of this Petition was unintentional. A Terminal Disclaimer To Accompany Petition is attached to this paper as Exhibit 2.

As indicated above, a response to the December 19, 2001 Office Action in the form of an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 is being submitted concurrently herewith and is attached as Exhibit 3.

The fee for filing a Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) is \$640.00 for a small entity. Small entity status was previously established in this application and is still applicable. The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the requisite large entity fee of \$640.00. The Patent and Trademark Office is further authorized hereby to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for any other fees required in connection with this Petition, the attached Amendment (Exhibit 3), or Terminal Disclaimer (Exhibit 2).

A duplicate copy of this Petition but without attached Exhibits 1-3 is also submitted herewith.

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Favorable action on this Petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.103 HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE SUSPENSION OF ACTION WILL TERMINATE 03 MONTHS AFTER DATE THE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION WAS FILED.

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NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
The request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on 3 UNE 19 2001 is improper for reason(s) indicated below:
1. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application for a design patent. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d).
2. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application that was filed before June 8, 1995. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d).
3. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application unless prosecution in the application is closed. If the RCE was accompanied by a reply to a non-final Office action, the reply will be entered and considered under 37 CFR 1.111. If the RCE was not accompanied by a reply, the time period set forth in the last Office action continues to run from the mailing date of that action.
4. The request was not filed before payment of the issue fee, and no petition under 37 CFR 1.313 was granted. If this application has not yet issued as a patent, applicant may wish to consider filing either a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 to withdraw this application from issue, or a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
5. The request was not filed before abandonment of the application. The application was abandoned, or proceedings terminated on Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 to revive this abandoned application.
6. The request was not accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.
7. The request was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.
Note: If a request for a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) has been filed in the utility or plant application (including a previously filed CPA) that was filed on or after May 29, 2000, the request for a CPA has been treated as a RCE because the CPA practice no longer applies to such application. The constructive RCE, however, is improper for reason(s) indicated above.
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